



NOTICE OF EXEMPTION

TO:
Contra Costa County
Clerk-Recorder's Office
555 Escobar Street
Martinez, CA 94553

FROM: (LEAD AGENCY)
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
Office of the Secretary - (510) 287-0404
375 Eleventh Street, MS 808
Oakland, CA 94607-4240
☒ **Lead Agency is the Project Applicant**
☒ **Lead Agency is Public Agency Approving Project**
☒ **Lead Agency is Carrying Out Project**

PROJECT INFORMATION

- TITLE:** Water Quality Research Facility
- LOCATION:** (City, County, and specific location)
Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, 2201 Larkey Lane
- DESCRIPTION:**

This project will construct a water quality research facility on the Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) grounds. This includes retrofitting the existing decant building, constructing another small building adjacent to the decant, and installing related equipment into these two buildings. In addition, a new pipeline will tie into the Mokelumne aqueducts just east of WCWTP and transport the water, through EBMUD owned land, to the facility. See Attachment A for additional information.

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March 12, 2024

KRISTIN B. CONNELLY
CLERK-RECORDER

By *[Signature]*
Deputy clerk

EXEMPTION FINDING (Check one)

This project is exempt from CEQA because:

- ☐ Activity is not a project
- ☐ Activity is Ministerial (Sec.21080(b)(1); Guideline 15268)
- ☐ Activity is a Declared Emergency (Sec.21080(b)(3); Guideline 15269(a))
- ☐ Activity is an Emergency Project (Sec.21080(b)(4); Guideline 15269(b)(c))
- ☒ Activity is Categorically Exempt Under Guideline 15303
- ☐ Activity is Statutorily Exempt Under Guideline _____
- ☒ Reasons why project is exempt:

The project will be conducted in previously disturbed/developed areas. This project is exempt under 15303 since it involves the construction and location of one small building not exceeding 4,000 square feet of floor space, the conversion of a portion of an existing building where only minor exterior modifications will be made, and only small, new equipment will be installed inside the new and modified buildings. The project will also install a new pipeline on EBMUD property to transport water from EBMUD's aqueducts to the new facility, approximately 1,700-ft in length.

APPROVAL BY INITIATING UNIT: Process Engineering - 794

2/22/2024

Ryan J. Klemencic *[Signature]*

Gordon J. Williams *[Signature]*

1. DATE PREPARED

2. PREPARED BY (Initial)

3. REVIEWED BY (Unit Supv. Initial)

Susan M. Teffy *[Signature]*

4. RECOMMENDED BY (Division/Section Manager)

Ryan J. Klemencic

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Associate Civil Engineer

510-287-1138

5. CONTACT PERSON

MAIL SLOT #

TITLE

PHONE

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION APPROVED FOR FILING WITH THE COUNTY CLERK

2/22/24

David A. Briggs

DATE

DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR

3/08/2024

Rischa S. Cole *[Signature]*

DATE FORWARDED TO COUNTY CLERK

SECRETARY OF THE DISTRICT



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LEAD AGENCY EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	LEAD AGENCY EMAIL	DATE 03/12/2024
COUNTY/STATE AGENCY OF FILING CONTRA COSTA COUNTY	DOCUMENT NUMBER 2024-00075	
PROJECT TITLE		

WATER QUALITY RESEARCH FACILITY			
PROJECT APPLICANT NAME EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT	PROJECT APPLICANT EMAIL		PHONE NUMBER (510) 287-0404
PROJECT APPLICANT ADDRESS 375 ELEVENTH STREET, MS 806, OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY	CITY OAKLAND	STATE CA	ZIP CODE 94607-4240

PROJECT APPLICANT (Check appropriate box)

☒ Local Public Agency ☐ School District ☐ Other Special District ☐ State Agency ☐ Private Entity

CHECK APPLICABLE FEES:


☐ Environmental Impact Report (EIR) \$ 4,051.25 \$ _____
☐ Mitigated/Negative Declaration (MND)(ND) \$ 2,916.75 \$ _____
☐ Certified Regulatory Program (CRP) document - payment due directly to CDFW \$ 1,377.25 \$ _____

☒ Exempt from fee
 ☒ Notice of Exemption (attach)
 ☐ CDFW No Effect Determination (attach)
☐ Fee previously paid (attach previously issued cash receipt copy)

☐ Water Right Application or Petition Fee (State Water Resources Control Board only) \$ 850.00 \$ _____
☒ County documentary handling fee \$ 50.00 \$ _____ 50.00
☐ Other \$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD:

☐ Cash ☐ Credit ☒ Check ☐ Other 200046073 **TOTAL RECEIVED** \$ _____ 50.00

SIGNATURE X 	AGENCY OF FILING PRINTED NAME AND TITLE Annaleah Cruz Deputy Clerk
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THANK YOU
PLEASE KEEP FOR REFERENCE



ATTACHMENT A
EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT
WATER QUALITY RESEARCH FACILITY

Overview and Background

The project will retrofit the existing decant building at the EBMUD Walnut Creek Water Treatment Plant (WCWTP) and build a new building directly adjacent that together will serve as the new permanent Water Quality Research Facility (WQRF). In addition, the project will install a new pipeline approximately 1700-ft long to transport untreated water from the Mokelumne aqueducts to the WQRF. The permanent WQRF facility will replace the temporary pilot-scale treatment plant located at the Walnut Creek Raw Water Pumping Plant (WCRWPP).

Project Purpose and Objectives

The small temporary pilot plant facility at the WCRWPP has been operating beyond its expected useful life and capabilities. The purpose of this project is to replace that temporary facility with a permanent one dedicated to testing and optimizing the performance of EBMUD's water treatment plants, evaluating advanced treatment technologies, testing supplemental water sources, and addressing other water quality concerns. The new facility will also provide staff with improved on-site safety and properly designed workstations.

Project Location

Most of the project site is located inside the fence of EBMUD's WCWTP property. A small portion of the new pipeline installation will occur outside the plant's western fence, but still on EBMUD property.

Project Description

The WCWTP's existing decant building will be retrofit to house features of the WQRF. These new features will be contained entirely within the existing building, with only minor modifications to the building's exterior. Those modifications include removing an existing window and installing a new door on the side elevations and installing a new HVAC system on the roof. The new internal features will include staff workstations, a laboratory, chemical feed room, and pretreatment room.

The new building will have less than 3,000 square feet of floor space over two floors and will be approximately 26-ft tall. The building will house the treatment filters, a disinfection skid, and an office. It will be located directly off the north-eastern side of the existing decant building and blend in with the treatment plant's existing infrastructure.

The project will also include installation of an onsite pipeline using open trench construction method to connect the Mokelumne Aqueducts to the new WQRF facilities. Onsite pipeline construction includes the installation of approximately 1700-ft of a 4-inch pipeline. A portion of the new pipeline will be outside the fencing surrounding the water treatment plant and aqueduct yard. In this area, the pipeline will cross East Bay Regional Park District's Briones to Mount Diablo Regional Trail on EBMUD property. During this section of pipeline's construction, hikers will still access the trail, but may be rerouted a short distance to avoid an open trench or cross a temporary trench cover.

Permits and Approvals

All work will be on EBMUD property. Encroachment permits are not required since there is no work within the public right-of-way. Any necessary permits will be obtained to complete the project.

Schedule and Work Hours

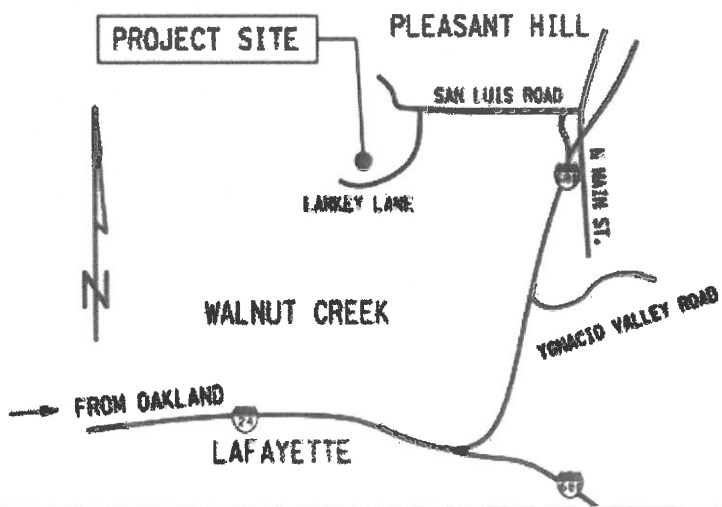
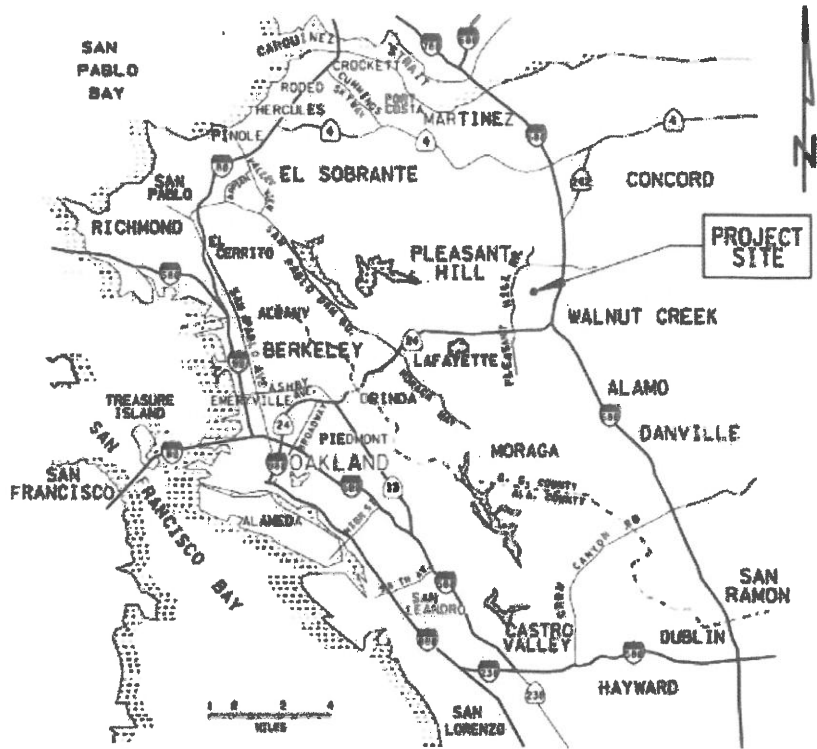
The construction is anticipated to start in fall 2024 and will take approximately 18 months to complete. Construction activities will be limited to the daytime weekday hours (7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) to the extent feasible

EBMUD Practices and Procedures

Standard construction environmental and safety practices applicable to all EBMUD construction projects have been incorporated into the project. These standard practices minimize impacts to the public resulting from EBMUD construction projects.

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Figure 1: Water Quality Research Facility Project Location Map



LOCATION MAP
NOT TO SCALE

EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT

**WATER QUALITY RESEARCH
FACILITY PROJECT**

FIGURE 1